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FALKLAND ISLANDS

The political troubles on the Falklands came as no surprise to those who have read their TDXB faithfully since the first of the year. Not only did true DXers know exactly where the island group is, they also knew who governed it and who laid claim to not only the Falklands but other island groups in the South Atlantic as well.

In our January 11 issue, we published a letter from one Peter R. Short, manager of Falkland Supplies in Port Stanley. Short contended that the Argentine operations from S. Sandwich were not valid because Argentine occupation of that island was illegal. He referred to the S. Sandwich islands as "Crown Land" and, by inference, the Falklands fall into the same category. It is also well to note that last month LU2AFH operated from the S. Shetlands as LU5ZI.

In response to the letter from Mr. Short TDXB published the other side of the story, provided by Joe Ahumada, LU2DX, who lives in the Washington D.C. area and is IARU liaison for the Radio Club Argentino. Ahumada's letter (in Issue 127, Feb 1, 1982) must be read in its entirety. His most telling point was that the S. Sandwich islands are claimed by several countries (including the U.K. and Argentina). "Nevertheless," Ahumada said, "I do believe this is a subject that cannot be solved by radio amateurs, but rather by our respective governments. It is my understanding that this subject is already under consideration by the U.K. and Argentina."

CBS News reported that at least one amateur station in Port Stanley was operating shortly after the invasion (or occupation, take your pick) but stations from there have been silent since the Argentines established house arrest for the Brits on the Falklands.

"FRESNO" CONVENTION

Sponsored this year by the Southern California DX Club, Inc., held Apr 16-18 at the Holiday Inn, Visalia, Cal. Not too late to get a room by phoning the Inn at 209-733-9000 (ask for Irene and mention the "DX Convention"). The preliminary list of guests included K5VT, EA8AK, W1YL, VS6CT, Iris Colvin and Lloyd Colvin, and HB9MM. Many prizes, etc.

Latest word on the LY1PK China operations is that they are active 21025-045 0200-0300Z, and 2200-2300Z. They are working mainly Japanese stations (propagation to the U.S. has been nonexistent the past week) and the operation is "Russian Roulette" style...you call them blind and they come back on your frequency.

FBSWG Crozet is also working almost exclusively JA stations these days, probably because they mind their manners. He's been found below 28500 at 1300 and 1700.

VK30T already answering QSLs for his VK90T operation of only a few weeks ago! Your scribe still waiting for cards from XZ5A, LU3ZY, and Y1IAS, worked and QSLed in Dec, Nov, and Jan, respectively.

ZK1CQ is ZL1AMO from Rarotonga, S. Cooks group. No word of any other spots.

TL8CK and TL8GA have both appeared from the Central African Republic lately between 2200 and 2300Z on 15 and 10 SSB; TL8CK was expected on the African Safari Net (21292, 1800Z) Apr 8 but did not show.

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COUNTRIES NEEDED SURVEY SHEETS from last week's issue are dribbling in. This year's results are going to be used to determine almost exclusively the direction TDXB takes in the coming year. If you care, please take time to fill out and mail in your sheet!

If one scans last year's results one finds that about forty of the seventy-three most needed DXCC countries have been on the air in the last eighteen months or so. Several others have had DXCC "activity" in terms of status:

BY China (1) is coming on at this time; see recent issues. VS9K Kermadec (2) has been deleted from DXCC; XZ Burma has been on since last summer in the form of XZ5A and XZ9A, although ARRL does not (yet) count it for DXCC; ZA Albania continues to be rumored for impending activity by Spanish hams, maybe even this month; and FB8 Crozet (9) has been represented of late by FB8WG.

In the second group of ten, San Felix by KF10/CEØX (11) last October probably won't count; S9VCT Sao Tome (17) by K5VT probably satisfied about 50 percent of the demand for that one; United Arab Emirates A6X (19) has been intermittently active but ARRL does not at this time recognize any current operations. WB2OHD and friends are providing documentation which may open up those QSLs for acceptance. Malawi (20) should drop off the charts entirely as a result of the continuing activity of 7Q7LW.

Moving into the third tier, Tristan da Cunha promises to drop from the list as a result of ZD9BV's activity since Mar 1; 5R8AL is active at least once a week on 15 and Malagasy's slot (24) should be moved down or off; SM2DWH appeared briefly from Mozambique /C9A (26) last winter but hardly worked anybody, and the recent C9NV is probably there but not legal, so look for little movement if any; as for Annobon, the Henson's 3CØAB/AC venture last autumn will move this one off the charts except for the U.S. West Coast, which had difficulty (3CØ was #27).

Iraq (31) still claims to have YI1BGD but contacts are almost as hard to get as QSLs; YI1AS finished last January but worked many on the DK2OC Net; FR/Juan de Nova came on thanks to a German group in the summer of '80 but it still made #34 in the spring of '81; Burundi (35) has been quite active in the form of 9U5WR and will be giving up its

place with no tears shed; the Congo (36) has had TN8AJ on and off (presently on) and will slip; LU3ZY's S. Sandwich operation ended with a flurry of activity back in December. If the QSLs ever come through #37 will be going to somewhere else; FR7/Glorioso falls into the same category as Juan de Nova, at #38 despite the summer of '80 operations; finally, Bhutan supposedly still has Pradhan, A51PN, but no reports on him for many months, and A51 will be moving up from #40 closer to the top.

At #41 DXCC countries become more "garden variety," leading off with Auckland and Campbell Islands, represented the past year by ZL2AFH/A and ZL40Y/A. Down, down, down the chart it goes; Next, Trindade (41) rumored to be on this month for a fairly extended stay, but may not be reflected in this year's Survey; VKØAN is on now from Macquarie (44) and on both the Open House Net on 14332 and with VK9NS at 0900 Tuesdays on 14210; Polish ex-patriate JXØP will be moving Jan Mayen (45) down, too; as for Cocos, VK9NYG on 10 Meters and the recent VK9YT/YM operation will surely move this one off completely; Taiwan (49) continues to be a mystery, as BV2A/B shows at times but is difficult to work for many. Since Tim has been active for years yet BV actually moved UP the chart last year, we predict no movement this time; at Number 50, Tunisia can be found occasionally as resident 3V8AA shows on 10 SSB, and the itinerant Britishers' 3V8DX operation about six weeks ago surely moved this one down.

Number 51: Marion Island will make a giant leap toward the top, as ZS2MI left in Dec, 1980, and was not replaced; Tokelau was cleaned up by DL1VU (ZM7VU) two weeks ago and will fall from #52 to the commonplace; FH8 Mayotte has at least two residents but unless you've got the connections, forget it. Look for upward movement from #53; Somalia will lose status with the recent acceptance by ARRL of T5TI QSLs; #57 Descheo will now be needed only by those not licensed as of last June (when KP2A/D made several QSOs); Franz Josef Land is on weekly by UA1PAM, who is even active in CW contests. Goodbye #58; Equatorial Guinea has two resident hams, 3C1AA and 3C1MM, virtually unworkable. A big move toward the top is in store for Africa's smallest country.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

CEØZAD 21345 01W 2	AH2L 14034 12E 3	K6GXO/	DJ6SI/
DU9RG 14210 13E 4	KHØAC 14201 11E 2	V2A 28508 13E 5	3X 7005 05C 7
EL9B 28730 12E 31	M1C 7005 00E 5	V9ADX 14229 16W 5	4S7WP 14004 12E 31
EL2P 14038 01E 2	PZ1BQ 14249 03E 3	YBØPG 14206 13C 31	4S7WP 14205 12E 2
FB8WG 28451 13E 30	JA1JUL/	YB5AES 14014 12E 31	4S7RM 14036 12E 3
FB8WG 28492 17E 31	PZ 21033 13E 4	YBØACL 21312 13E 31	4S7WP 14007 23E 3
FY7YE/	TN8AJ 21330 22E 31	OE1EHB/	4U1UN 14214 13E 4
FM7 14012 12E 1	TN8AJ 28741 13E 1	YK 28545 14E 31	5Z4HW/
FO8FW 21017 01E 3	UAØYAD 14004 14E 3	ZB2CJ 28738 13E 31	5H 28568 17E 31
FO8GM 14012 05C 7	(Zone 23)	ZD7BW 21050 00C 5	5H3BH 21292 19W 5
FRØGGL 21021 18C 31	UF6FBX 14033 01C 8	ZK1CG 21345 00C 30	5R8AL 21328 18E 2
FR7BP 28015 14E 31	UI8FAI 14211 03C 30	ZK1CG 28575 00C 30	5W1DQ 28515 23E 4
FR7BX 14019 13E 3	UI8ADR 14010 02E 31	ZK1CQ 28029 21E 4	5Z4CM 28537 12E 29
FRØFLO 28600 13E 6	UM8NAP 14020 02C 6	ZK1CQ 21027 03E 5	5Z4CS 14029 23E 3
HBØCBJ 21061 15E 4	VK9NS 14210 07W 30	ZK1CQ 28505 00C 8	6W8HL 7085 07W 30
HD8GI 21346 00C 1	VK9XW 14332 12E 30	3B8CF 14203 03E 1	8P6EU 7008 03E 8
HD8GI 21345 00W 2	VK9YB 14025 12E 1	3B8CF 21035 03E 1	9J2JH 28561 17E 31
HL5MC 21012 01E 8	VP5WJR 28625 14C 3	8B8FG 14018 03E 1	9J2BO 28030 13E 8
HL5OC 28011 01E 8	VP8ANT 7014 00E 31	3B8CA 14201 13C 3	9L1EX 21346 00C 1
HS7AID 14014 23E 4	VQ9JB 14232 14C 29	3B8DA 14224 13C 5	9M2AV 21024 03C 30
HS7AID 14009 09W 6	VQ9JC 14028 23E 3	3D2ER 14001 06W 1	9U5WR 28561 12E 29
JDIYCQ 21023 02W 30	VS6DF 14009 13C 30	3D2AB 14221 12E 2	9U5WR 21032 18E 4
JD1BAX 14032 12E 31	VS6DO 14209 13C 2	3X1Z 21377 19C 2	9V1VB 14025 11C 6
J28AZ 14211 02E 31	VS6JW 14024 13E 3	3X1Z 21029 17E 4	
J3ABA 21020 00W 1	VS6EY 14025 15E 3	DJ6SI/	
J73CB 28609 17E 4	VU2VZ 14012 01E 2	3X 14025 21E 5	
W9HI/	V2AU 14019 23E 2	DJ6SI/	
J8 28550 13E 3		3X 28026 14E 6	

Well, we started this, so might as well finish it! LU5ZI must surely have cleaned up S. Shetlands (61) demand, as it seemed as if he was there for weeks (he was)...from #61 to the ignominy of no status; anyone who works SSB contests even casually is Bullish on Benin, as TYA11 was always there (#62 no more); CEØZ has your occasional resident (currently CEØZAD) but will move well up the list this time; Guinea? Are you kidding? VK4NIC/3X almost moved this one off last year, and current 3X1Z and DJ6SI/3X will finish the job. Remember two years ago when VK4NIC/3X was the talk of the bands? By last year KØVVV's Tuesday lists for D68AM had moved the Comoros to #69, and we predict it'll disappear from the final results in '82; as will Willis VK9 making only #70 in '81 and still active on the Open House Net and elsewhere at this time (or juncture, as they say in the gvmt).

#71-73, 5V, Serrana Bank, and Bajo Nuevo have not been active and will move up the list.

Only two countries will move out of the Top Ten...deleted Kamarans and Crozet; Sao Tome and Malawi will depart the second group of ten. The needs in the Top Twenty will be more and more jumbled and closer together, as places like Viet Nam and Kampuchea approach a decade of inactivity, and more DXers will be frustrated in their quest for the Honor Roll.

But Hopel! As Bob Locher, W9KNI, has pointed out, if someone came on in late 1975, just before the fall of Panom Penh, and worked XU1DX and every other country active since then, that DXer would be on the next-to-the-bottom-rung of the mixed Honor Roll. Since Bob is at the top of the CW Honor Roll (getting lonesome up there, Bob?) we ain't about to question him.

Please send in your 1982 Survey Sheet. The DX Bulletin loves you.

CALENDAR

Angola	OK3TAB/D2A still expected this month for a three-month stay	Hamvention	Dayton, Apr 23-25
Crozet	FB8WG info Issue 136	St Lucia	J6by K4LTA group Apr 24-May 2
Tokelau	ZM7VU by DL1VU until Apr 13; his last stop	Pacific	Apr/May by SM0AGD; Issue 132
		Mellish	By VK2BJL group first of May; Issue 131
Tristan	ZD9BV on lists 1800Z, 28590, 21337	Sable	VE1AI/1 May 9-11
China	BY1PK coming on now; Issues 136, 137	Leichtenstein	DA1WA/HB0 May 21-30; I 132
Malagasy	5R8AL leaves this week for France; back in June	Contest	CQ WPX CW May 29/30
Tonga	A35RF by VK3VU until Apr 15; I 133	Carolines (E)	KC6 by AD1S/N5DLM Aug 4-8 (now called "Federated States of Micronesia")
Antigua	K6GXO/V2A ends Apr 13		
S. Cooks	ZK1CQ by ZL1AMO until about Apr 15; no other stops announced	W. Carolines	KC6 (Belau) by AD1S/N5DLM Aug 8-11
Barbados	8P6EU/FJ until Apr 15	Marianas	KH0 by AD1S/N5DLM Aug 11-14
Caymans	ZF2FX by K4UEE Apr 12-18	Marshalls	KX6 by AD1S/N5DLM Aug 14-16
Trindade	PY0AC/AD Apr 15-17, 7005 and 28505; "first 15 min of each hour for PY"		
Fiji	3D2 by VK3VU Apr 16-21		
Abu Ail	J20/Z RUMORED by J28AZ Apr 17-20		
Convention	Visalia CA Apr 16-18; Issue 137		

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Anybody have info on a "T32AF" heard Mar 29/30, 14005, giving QTH as "Christmas Island" and QSL via WH6AIF?

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